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Sacrament

GOLDEN TEXT

Romans 1:7 *Grace, 11*

. . . Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ. . . For I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be established;

RESPONSIVE READING

Romans 1:9, 10, 12; II Corinthians 8:1–3, 5, 7, 9, 12, 15

9 For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I mention you always in my prayers,
10 asking that somehow by God's will I may now at last succeed in coming to you.
12 that is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine.
1 We want you to know, brethren, about the grace of God which has been shown in the churches of Macedo'nia,
2 for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of liberality on their part.
3 For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own free will,
5 and this, not as we expected, but first they gave themselves to the Lord and to us by the will of God.

7 Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in utterance, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in your love for us—see that you excel in this gracious work also.

9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.

12 For if the readiness is there, it is acceptable according to what a man has, not according to what he has not.

15 As it is written, "He who gathered much had nothing over, and he who gathered little had no lack."

The Responsive Reading is from the Revised Standard Version of the Bible.

SECTION 1

The Bible

1 | I John 4:16 *we (to ;)*

16 we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love;

2 | I Chronicles 29:13, 14 *for*

13 Now therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name.

14 for all things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee.

3 | Psalms 145:10, 16

10 All thy works shall praise thee, O Lord; and thy saints shall bless thee.

16 Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.

*Science and Health
with Key to the Scriptures*
by Mary Baker Eddy

1 | [2:8–11](#)

God is not moved by the breath of praise to do more than He has already done, nor can the infinite do less than bestow all good, since He is unchanging wisdom and Love.

Deity
unchangeable

2 | [518:19–21](#)

Love giveth to the least spiritual idea might, immortality, and goodness, which shine through all as the blossom shines through the bud.

SECTION 2

The Bible

4 | [Deuteronomy 28:2 all, 3, 6](#)

2 all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God. 3 Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field.

6 Blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out.

5 | [Numbers 11:16, 17, 25–29](#)

16 And the Lord said unto Moses, Gather unto me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom thou knowest to be the elders of the people, and officers over them; and bring them unto the tabernacle of the congregation, that they may stand there with thee. 17 And I will come down and talk with thee there: and I will take of the spirit which is upon thee, and will put it upon them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with thee, that thou bear it not thyself alone.

25 And the Lord came down in a cloud, and spake unto him, and took of the spirit that was upon

him, and gave it unto the seventy elders: and it came to pass, that, when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied, and did not cease. 26 But there remained two of the men in the camp, the name of the one was Eldad, and the name of the other Medad: and the spirit rested upon them; and they were of them that were written, but went not out unto the tabernacle: and they prophesied in the camp. 27 And there ran a young man, and told Moses, and said, Eldad and Medad do prophesy in the camp. 28 And Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of Moses, one of his young men, answered and said, My lord Moses, forbid them. 29 And Moses said unto him, Enviest thou for my sake? would God that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit upon them!

6 | [I Thessalonians 5:19, 20](#)

19 Quench not the Spirit. 20 Despise not prophesyings.

7 | [Psalms 150:6](#)

6 Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord.

Science and Health

3 | [9:17–21 \(to 2nd .\)](#)

Dost thou "love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind"? This command includes much, even the surrender of all merely material sensation, affection, and worship. This is the El Dorado of Christianity.

Practical
religion

4 | [3:12](#)

The Divine Being must be reflected by man, — else man is not the image and likeness of the patient, tender, and true, the One "altogether lovely;" but to understand God is the work of eternity, and demands absolute consecration of thought, energy, and desire.

5 | [140:7](#)

Not materially but God invisible
to the senses
spiritually we know Him as
divine Mind, as Life, Truth, and Love. We shall obey
and adore in proportion as we apprehend the divine
nature and love Him understandingly, warring no
more over the corporeality, but rejoicing in the
affluence of our God. Religion will then be of the
heart and not of the head. Mankind will no longer be
tyrannical and proscriptive from lack of love, —
straining out gnats and swallowing camels.

6 | [40:28](#)

It is sad that the phrase Service and
worship
divine service has come so
generally to mean public worship instead of daily
deeds.

7 | [518:15–19](#)

The rich in spirit help the Assistance in
brotherhood
poor in one grand
brotherhood, all having the same Principle, or
Father; and blessed is that man who seeth his
brother's need and supplieth it, seeking his own in
another's good.

8 | [113:5–6](#)

The vital part, the heart and soul of Christian
Science, is Love.

SECTION 3

The Bible

8 | [I Timothy 1:14](#)

14 And the grace of our Lord was exceeding
abundant with faith and love which is in Christ
Jesus.

9 | [Mark 12:41–44](#)

41 And Jesus sat over against the treasury, and
beheld how the people cast money into the
treasury: and many that were rich cast in much.
42 And there came a certain poor widow, and she
threw in two mites, which make a farthing.
43 And he called unto him his disciples, and saith
unto them, Verily I say unto you, That this poor
widow hath cast more in, than all they which have
cast into the treasury: 44 For all they did cast in of
their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all
that she had, even all her living.

10 | [Malachi 3:10](#)

10 Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that
there may be meat in mine house, and prove me
now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not
open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out
a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to
receive it.

*Science and Health*9 | [79:31–32](#)

Giving does not impoverish Divine
strength
us in the service of our Maker,
neither does withholding enrich us.

10 | [2:23 \(only, to ?\), 26 Shall](#)

God is Love. Can we ask Him to be more?
Shall we plead for more at God's
standard
the open fount, which is
pouring forth more than we accept? The unspoken
desire does bring us nearer the source of all
existence and blessedness.

11 | [325:7, 32](#)

Jesus gave the true idea of being, which results
in infinite blessings to mortals.

A false sense of life, substance, and mind hides
the divine possibilities, and conceals scientific
demonstration.

12 | [264:13](#)

As mortals gain more correct views of God and man, Self-completeness multitudinous objects of creation, which before were invisible, will become visible. When we realize that Life is Spirit, never in nor of matter, this understanding will expand into self-completeness, finding all in God, good, and needing no other consciousness.

13 | [192:30](#)

Whatever holds human thought in line with unselfed love, receives directly the divine power.

SECTION 4

The Bible

11 | [John 6:3](#) *Jesus, 35*

3 Jesus went up into a mountain, and there he sat with his disciples.

35 And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

12 | [Matthew 14:14–21](#)

14 And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick. 15 And when it was evening, his disciples came to him, saying, This is a desert place, and the time is now past; send the multitude away, that they may go into the villages, and buy themselves victuals.

16 But Jesus said unto them, They need not depart; give ye them to eat. 17 And they say unto him, We have here but five loaves, and two fishes. 18 He said, Bring them hither to me. 19 And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the grass, and took the five loaves, and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed, and brake, and gave the loaves to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude.

20 And they did all eat, and were filled: and they took up of the fragments that remained twelve baskets full. 21 And they that had eaten were about five thousand men, beside women and children.

*Science and Health*14 | [206:15](#)

In the scientific relation of God to man, we find that whatever blesses one blesses all, as Jesus showed with the loaves and the fishes, — Spirit, not matter, being the source of supply.

15 | [494:11](#)

It is not well to imagine that Jesus demonstrated the divine power to heal only for a select number or for a limited period of time, since to all mankind and in every hour, divine Love supplies all good.

16 | [410:9](#)

The Scriptures say, "Man shall not live by bread *alone*, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God," showing that Truth is the actual life of man; but mankind objects to making this teaching practical.

17 | [35:26–27 \(to 1st .\)](#)

Our bread, "which cometh down from heaven," is Truth.

18 | [442:22–25](#)

Christ, Truth, gives mortals temporary food and clothing until the material, transformed with the ideal, disappears, and man is clothed and fed spiritually.

19 | [323:13–16](#)

In order to apprehend Need and supply more, we must put into practice what we already know. We must recollect that Truth is demonstrable when understood, and that good is not understood until demonstrated.

20 | [264:7–8, 10](#)

Mortals must look beyond fading, finite forms, if they would gain the true sense of things.

We must look where we would walk, and we must act as possessing all power from Him in whom we have our being.

SECTION 5

The Bible

13 | [John 17:1](#)

1 These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee:

14 | [Luke 22:1, 2 \(to ;\), 8, 14, 15](#)

1 Now the feast of unleavened bread drew nigh, which is called the Passover. 2 And the chief priests and scribes sought how they might kill him;

8 And he sent Peter and John, saying, Go and prepare us the passover, that we may eat.

14 And when the hour was come, he sat down, and the twelve apostles with him. 15 And he said unto them, With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer:

15 | [Mark 14:22, 23, 26, 32, 36](#)

22 And as they did eat, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and brake it, and gave to them, and said, Take, eat: this is my body. 23 And he took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them: and they all drank of it.

26 And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives.

32 And they came to a place which was named Gethsemane: and he saith to his disciples, Sit ye here, while I shall pray.

36 And he said, Abba, Father, all things are possible unto thee; take away this cup from me: nevertheless not what I will, but what thou wilt.

16 | [Mark 15:1, 25](#)

1 And straightway in the morning the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council, and bound Jesus, and carried him away, and delivered him to Pilate.

25 And it was the third hour, and they crucified him.

17 | [Luke 23:34 \(to 1st .\)](#)

34 Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.

*Science and Health*21 | [54:3–5, 10–13](#)

Out of the amplitude of his pure affection, he defined Love. With the affluence of Truth, he vanquished error.

That he might liberally pour his dear-bought treasures into empty or sin-filled human storehouses, was the inspiration of Jesus' intense human sacrifice.

Inspiration
of sacrifice

22 | [33:18](#)

When the human element in him struggled with the divine, our great Teacher said: "Not my will, but Thine, be done!" — that is, Let not the flesh, but the Spirit, be represented in me. This is the new understanding of spiritual Love. It gives all for Christ, or Truth. It blesses its enemies, heals the sick, casts out error, raises the dead from trespasses and sins, and preaches the gospel to the poor, the meek in heart.

The holy
struggle

23 | [32:20–21](#)

The true sense is spiritually lost, if the sacrament is confined to the use of bread and wine.

24 | **34:13**

If all who seek his commemoration through material symbols will take up the cross, heal the sick, cast out evils, and preach Christ, or Truth, to the poor, — the receptive thought, — they will bring in the millennium.

Millennial
glory

SECTION 6

The Bible

18 | **Ephesians 5:14 Christ**

14 Christ shall give thee light.

19 | **Mark 16:6 Ye (to ;), 9, 14**

6 Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen;

9 Now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils.

14 Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen.

20 | **John 21:1–6, 9, 12**

1 After these things Jesus shewed himself again to the disciples at the sea of Tiberias; and on this wise shewed he himself. 2 There were together Simon Peter, and Thomas called Didymus, and Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, and the sons of Zebedee, and two other of his disciples.

3 Simon Peter saith unto them, I go a-fishing. They say unto him, We also go with thee. They went forth, and entered into a ship immediately; and that night they caught nothing. 4 But when the morning was now come, Jesus stood on the shore: but the disciples knew not that it was Jesus. 5 Then Jesus saith unto them, Children, have ye any meat? They

answered him, No. 6 And he said unto them, Cast the net on the right side of the ship, and ye shall find. They cast therefore, and now they were not able to draw it for the multitude of fishes.

9 As soon then as they were come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid thereon, and bread.

12 Jesus saith unto them, Come and dine. And none of the disciples durst ask him, Who art thou? knowing that it was the Lord.

*Science and Health*25 | **34:18–23, 29–14**

Through all the disciples experienced, they became more spiritual and understood better what the Master had taught. His resurrection was also their resurrection. It helped them to raise themselves and others from spiritual dulness and blind belief in God into the perception of infinite possibilities.

What a contrast between our Lord's last supper and his last spiritual breakfast with his disciples in the bright morning hours at the joyful meeting on the shore of the Galilean Sea! His gloom had passed into glory, and his disciples' grief into repentance, — hearts chastened and pride rebuked. Convinced of the fruitlessness of their toil in the dark and wakened by their Master's voice, they changed their methods, turned away from material things, and cast their net on the right side. Discerning Christ, Truth, anew on the shore of time, they were enabled to rise somewhat from mortal sensuousness, or the burial of mind in matter, into newness of life as Spirit.

This spiritual meeting with our Lord in the dawn of a new light is the morning meal which Christian Scientists commemorate. They bow before Christ, Truth, to receive more of his reappearing and silently to commune with the divine Principle, Love.

Fellowship
with Christ

The last
breakfast

26 | [31:14–22 \(to .\)](#)

It is the living Christ, the practical Truth, which makes Jesus “the resurrection and the life” to all who follow him in deed. Obeying his precious precepts, — following his demonstration so far as we apprehend it, — we drink of his cup, partake of his bread, are baptized with his purity; and at last we shall rest, sit down with him, in a full understanding of the divine Principle which triumphs over death.

Healing
primary

28 | [570:14–18](#)

Millions of unprejudiced minds — simple seekers for Truth, weary wanderers, athirst in the desert — are waiting and watching for rest and drink. Give them a cup of cold water in Christ’s name, and never fear the consequences.

Receptive
hearts

29 | [37:22–25](#)

It is possible, — yea, it is the duty and privilege of every child, man, and woman, — to follow in some degree the example of the Master by the demonstration of Truth and Life, of health and holiness.

SECTION 7

The Bible

21 | [Hebrews 12:28](#)

28 Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:

22 | [Hebrews 13:20, 21 \(to 1st .\)](#)

20 Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, 21 Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever.

*Science and Health*27 | [354:9](#)

The words of divine Science find their immortality in deeds, for their Principle heals the sick and spiritualizes humanity.

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